

IN THE CLAIMS:

NE Please cancel claims 1-14 without prejudice or disclaimer, and add claims 15-20, as follows:

1 -15. A scheduling management system, comprising:
2 a schedule server which stores schedules of participants and schedules of equipments
3 reserved by ones of said participants in different groups; and

4 a plurality of remote client devices operatively connected to said schedule server,
5 which allow client users to input schedules of said participants and request an idle time
6 retrieval from said schedule server.

1 16. The schedule management system according to Claim 15, wherein said
2 schedule server comprises a communication controller which provides a visual display of said
3 idle time retrieval at selected ones of said client devices.

1 17. The schedule management system according to Claim 15, wherein said
2 schedule server comprises a communication controller which provides registration for a special
3 group, and wherein said idle time is retrieved so that at least one of participants and
4 equipments in said special group satisfies a retrieval condition for retrieving said idle time.

1 18. The schedule management system according to Claim 15, wherein said
2 schedule server comprises a data access unit which accesses selected databases in accordance